

KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MINUTES

November 14, 2013

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Occupational Therapy was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions in Frankfort, KY on November 14, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott DeBurger, Chair
Laura Strickland
Paul Wingate
Kevin Priddy
Camille Skubik-Peplaski

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Jennifer Hutcherson, Board Administrator

OTHERS

James Grawe, Office of the Attorney General

MEMBERS ABSENT

Creasa Reed
Rhonda Edwards

Mr. Scott DeBurger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

Consent agenda - Minutes, Monthly Financial Report and Legal Fees

Minutes of the October 2013 meeting, monthly financial report ending October 2013 and legal fees for September 2013 were presented for the Board's review. Ms. Skubik-Peplaski made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion, seconded by Mr. Priddy, carried.

O&P Report

Mr. DeBurger reported that O&P has a new Executive Director. Ms. Hutcherson reported that wireless internet access is now available and Justin Turner gave a brief tutorial on how to use it. Mr. DeBurger asked if the board would be able to preview the new database before it goes live. Ms. Hutcherson will check on this and report back to the board.

Board Attorney's Report

No report was given.

Pending Complaints

Complaint 2013-01, under investigation by Stephen Curley, was discussed by the Board. Ms. Skubik-Peplaski is still waiting to hear back from Mr. Curley.

Old Business

Mr. DeBurger is still working on the regulation review.

New Business

Temporary Permits – The Board discussed and agreed that all temporary permit holders who do not pass their test on the second attempt must report this to the board within ten days and

cease and desist practice. However, if the first attempt was made before the temporary permit was issued, the permit holder may continue to work until such time as the temporary permit expires or the test is failed twice while holding a temporary permit.

NBCOT Conference – Mr. Priddy attended the NBCOT conference. He reported that weekly score reporting from NBCOT is coming in the near future. He also reported that other topics covered at the conference were social media and license portability.

OTA Supervision Audit – The board decided to audit supervision logs for two percent of OTA's in January 2014.

Lymphedema Treatment and Management – An email received by the board on Lymphedema treatment and management was discussed. The board's response was that Lymphedema treatment and management is within the scope of practice for OT's. However, as with any other specialty or practice, as stated in the code of ethics in the laws and regulations an OT/L or an OTA/L shall hold the appropriate credentials for providing service and shall function within the parameters of his competence and the standards of the profession. Ms. Hutcherson will respond to the email.

FRI CCU Certificates/Approvals – A discussion was held regarding Frazier Rehab Institutes use of one 2011 KBLot approval number as a blanket approval number on all certificates issued. According to the laws and regulations it was decided that because they are an accredited healthcare facility they do not need approval from the board for these courses.

Licensure Status Report – There are currently 2,165 licensed OT's in the state of Kentucky and 888 licensed OTA's in the state of Kentucky.

2014 Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule for 2014 was set for the second Thursday of each month, with the exception of January, which will be on January 2nd. Committee work will begin at 8:30 am and the Board Meeting will be held at 9:00 am. All meetings will take place in conference room A. The December meeting was also moved from December 12th to December 10th.

Applications Review

A motion was made by Ms. Skubik-Peplaski to approve all applications as presented at today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Mr. Wingate, carried.

Approval of Travel and Per Diem

A motion was made by Mr. Priddy to approve travel and per-diem for today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Mr. Wingate, carried.

Assignments for Next Meeting

Mr. DeBurger made assignments to the Board members for the next Board meeting. Ms. Skubik-Peplaski will contact Mr. Curley to determine the status of the current complaint. Mr. DeBurger will continue to work on regulation review.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Occupational Therapy is scheduled to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10th at the Office of Occupations and Professions (later scheduled to be held at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet due to scheduling conflicts).

Approved by the Board

Board Chair, Scott DeBurger